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His first wife, Nancy Brown, was a skilled nurse and had traveled many miles on horse back to visit the sick and needy. They were the parents of four boys and a girl. After Nancy's death the boys remained in Illinois and the daughter came west with her father and step-mother.

Abigail had been previously married and had a daughter, Rilda Goforth who later married Thomas Mantle. Stephen's daughter by his first marriage, Mary Ann, married John Fausett and they also lived in the Fort String.

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Jackson Shelton
Samuel Shelton
Mary Ann Shelton

Children of Stephen and Abigail were:
John Shelton, married Mary Morton
Elizabeth Shelton, died as an infant
Martha Jane Shelton, married James B. Hamilton
Joseph Shelton, died at the age of 21
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Stephen Shelton, married Margaret Bonner
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